

# ELECTRIC RUMORS

President Williams Calls Meeting of Syndicate.

## A COMBINATION REPORTED

Well-Known Man Charged With Enticing a Girl—An Engineer Charged With Stealing from Employers. Excursionists Out All Night.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

**RICHMOND, VA., August 3.**—There is great interest in the meeting of the railroad syndicate announced for to-morrow by President Williams, of Richmond. Despite denials, it is reported that the Bay Shore Terminal road, which runs to Ocean View, the Chesapeake Terminal road to Cape Henry and the Southern Point road, controlled by Alexander Brown, of Baltimore, and Newport News Road, will form a combination in opposition to the Williams syndicate.

That combination will give access to a large territory and promote profitable traffic.

Hon. Goodrich Hatton, of Portsmouth, is urged to run for the House of Delegates. He was a member of the Constitutional Convention.

## ENTICING A GIRL.

L. A. Sherwood, of Portsmouth, well connected socially, was fined \$100 and costs and put under a bond of \$1,000 in the Police Court this morning. He was arrested here Saturday night on a warrant charging him with enticing Clyde Jennings, a young girl, into a house of ill-fame. When the trial was announced Justice Taylor ordered the court room cleared of the great crowd of persons gathered from curiosity and not interest in the case. The testimony of Officer Cannon was that he saw a pretty and delicate looking young girl come out of the house of Jennie Williams, and suspecting that she was not aware of the character of the house he arrested her. Mrs. Jennings, the mother, testified that the girl was over fifteen years of age, and therefore Commonwealth's Attorney Tilton suggested that the indictment was not correct in the charge of enticing, and that the mother's care of the girl was not such as to warrant the prosecution of the defendant for the alleged offense. Justice Taylor examined the woman who keeps the house and one of her boarders with searching questions and fined her \$100 and costs and put her under the same bond as that of Sherwood. Both were paroled till they can give their bonds to-morrow.

Mr. Tilton spoke with extreme severity to Mr. Sherwood for the act of taking the young girl to such a place, and said that he did not advise the change of the indictment for any sympathy for him, as a married man with a wife and children, but because the law did not allow the original indictment in the case of a girl of the age of the witness. The witness is a delicately formed, pink and white-faced little girl in short frocks, who hit her nails nervously during the examination. She was not asked to testify, because the case was against her mother, who was such as to settle the case. Mr. Sherwood is a short, stout man, with a florid face. He is well known here, and many of his friends appeared in court. He was not asked to testify. He was paroled till he can give his bond of \$1,000.

## WALLACE SENTENCED TO JAIL.

George W. Wallace, an engineer formerly employed by the Old Dominion Steamship Company, was sentenced to jail for six months in the Police Court this morning. He was accused of stealing copper pipe from the dock of the company, and he acknowledged that he sold the copper to the junk dealer, in whose possession sixty pounds of copper was found.

Wallace testified that the copper was given to him by a friend, whom he had summoned, but who did not appear in court. The man seems to have borne a good character. Justice Taylor declared that the sentence was not to be changed. Wallace appealed to the Corporation Court and gave bond for \$500.

## DIVORCE FOR THE BOY.

Master of the ship, receiving great praise for saving several times to save the little negro boy who fell into the river at the Norfolk and Southern Railway dock, Berkeley, yesterday. The boy, Kennedy Stender, was ten years old, with a companion of the same age, were running along the wharf when he stumbled and fell into deep water. Master Baker heard the cries and jumped into the water immediately, and he could not get the boy out. It was found later with oyster tongs.

## EXCURSIONISTS OUT ALL NIGHT.

Excursionists who went from here to Wharton's Grove, on the Rappahannock River, yesterday morning, did not return till late morning. There were five hundred on the New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk Railroad steamer Old Point Comfort. There were several mishaps to the steamer, which ran aground and broke up, but no one was hurt. The steamer was delayed, and therefore, out all night.

Mrs. Cornelia R. Johnson's body was sent from here to Memphis to-day. Mrs. Johnson was spending the summer at the Meredith cottage, in Virginia Beach, with her daughter, and died suddenly of heart disease.

## NOW IN BEDFORD JAIL.

Two Negroes Brought to Lynchburg Under Heavy Guard.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

**LYNCHBURG, VA., August 3.**—A special train arrived here about 10 o'clock over the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, from Covington, having on board the Clifton Forge, consisting of two men, under Captain Roberts, who were escorting to this city for safekeeping William and Otho Green, the negroes charged with the murder of Harry Rudisill, of Eagle Mountain, on an excursion train at Albion station, eight miles west of here, last Wednesday night. The negroes were in charge of Sheriff Turner, of Allegheny county, and Deputy Sheriff Hornsberger. With the company guard, the two negroes were handcuffed together, were marched to the jail where they were turned over to Jailor Frank Wooten.

One of the negroes is a light mulatto and the other quite dark. They stated that they had been in the city for some time, and that they were being escorted to the jail. They were taken to the jail, and the latter sent Sheriff Hornsberger and a deputy here on No. 4, and they returned to Bedford City with the prisoners on the train, which leaves here at 5:29 P. M.

## LEG AND ANKLE MARRIED.

Nelson Thomas, colored, was caught in the machinery at the Tunk Lumber plant this morning and had his left leg and ankle badly crushed and lacerated. He was taken to the hospital, where he is now lying. The accident was caused by the machinery, which was not properly guarded. The company is now investigating the accident.

## REFUSED TO SHOW BOOKS.

At a meeting the telephone company of the Board of Trade and Chamber of Commerce this afternoon, the attorney for the Southern States Telephone Company, Mr. Lawrence Groner, declined to permit the committee to examine the company's books.

This committee desired to do to determine whether the company is losing the money that the officers have asserted it has been losing. That assertion was in order to induce the City Council to pass an ordinance allowing an increase of the rates. The Council passed an ordinance increasing the rate from \$38 to \$18 on business phones, which was vetoed by Mayor Riddick. The committee adjourned.



## DR. PIERCE'S

We seldom fear a danger that we cannot see. The danger of being run-down by a horse is a very real one to everybody, the danger of being murdered by a microbe does not trouble most people.

And yet the minute microbe is more dangerous than the wildest horse.

The only people who can afford not to fear the microbes of disease are those who keep their blood pure and rich. These are practically immune from the attacks of most microbes.

Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery purifies and enriches the blood, and gives the body a vigorous vitality. It cures scrofula, eczema, boils, pimples and other eruptive diseases which are caused by impure blood.

"I had been troubled for about four years with eczema, or a skin disease, which it would not do so," writes Mr. John Larson, of my Powhatan St., Dallas, Texas. "I concluded to try Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, and after using five bottles found that I was cured. Please accept many thanks."

There is no substitute for "Golden Medical Discovery." There is nothing "just as good" for diseases of the blood.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cure constipation and its consequences.

to meet again to-night, and then arranged for a report to the respective bodies concerning the action of the company in asking for higher rates and refusing to give reasons for the increased rates, but declined to give the report, to the newspapers.

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## ASSAILANTS ARE IN BEDFORD CO. JAIL.

Military Guard Prevented the Lynching of Willie and Otho Green.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

**COVINGTON, VA., August 3.**—Threats to lynch Willie and Otho Green, two negro men, who were in jail here, charged with shooting Harry Rudisill, caused Deputy Sheriff A. C. Sizor to place strong guard around jail and call on Clifton Forge Rifles for the night. When reports were circulated here late Saturday evening that a mob from Clifton Forge would attempt to break the jail, Sheriff Sizor at once began to make preparations to guard the jail. Fifteen or twenty men were summoned and sent to the jail. When they arrived, they found the jail was already surrounded by a mob of about fifty men. The mob was armed with guns and knives, and the men composing the mob seemed determined to get the prisoners. The guard, however, was not intimidated, and the mob was repulsed. The guard then called for the military at Clifton Forge. Between 11 o'clock and midnight Captain Roberts arrived with a company of soldiers. The soldiers then surrounded the jail, and the mob was dispersed. The prisoners were then taken to the jail, and the military guard was maintained until the morning.

The fine estate owned by Mr. Theodore A. Harding, of Washington, located in Spotsylvania county, six miles from this city, has been sold to Mr. L. G. Jayne, of Wisconsin, who, with his family, will take charge of the property this month and make it their permanent home.

## MAIL THREE DAYS LATE

Long Drought Broken in Appomattox. Protracted Meeting.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

**SPANISH OAKS, VA., Aug. 3.**—The long drought was broken last Friday just in time to save the corn and tobacco crops, which have begun to suffer seriously. The wheat crop has been threshed out. The quality is very poor and the yield not over fifty per cent. of an average crop.

A protracted meeting is in progress at Hebron Church this week. The pastor, Rev. J. C. Davidson, has no ministerial help and will do all the preaching. The Star mill route, from Concord to Spanish Oaks, has been before the board of the Rural Free Delivery office.

This will greatly inconvenience the patrons of Spanish Oaks, as it will delay all mail three days.

## ROANOKE CONFERENCE

First Session Opened in Salem Church Last Night.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

**SALISBURY, VA., August 3.**—The District Conference of the Roanoke District, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, opened last night in Salem Church, near Churchton, with a service of prayer and singing. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. J. K. Gilbert, of Newport. About sixty delegates are present. The conference will continue for several days.

## YOUNG CRISMOND IS MADE CLERK

Appointed in Place of His Father, Who Disappeared So Mysteriously.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

**FREDERICKSBURG, VA., August 3.**—Judge R. E. Waller, of Spotsylvania County Court, to-day appointed Arthur H. Crismond, present deputy clerk, as clerk of the Circuit and County Courts of Spotsylvania county, in place of his father, J. H. Crismond, who after filling the office for twenty-two years, disappeared on July 7th and was recently heard from in Mexico, but offered no explanation of his disappearance.

The appointment is only temporary, pending an investigation of the affairs of the office and Judge Waller named a committee composed of Henry Holiday, of Fredericksburg, and E. R. Coghill, clerk of the Court of Caroline county, to make the examination. There were two other applicants for the place—Commonwealth's Attorney Lee J. Graves and Sheriff T. A. Harris.

Taylor, L. nch.

**LAWRENCEVILLE, VA., August 3.**—Charles M. Taylor and Miss Fannie B. Lynch were married at the Methodist parsonage at 9:30 o'clock this morning by the Rev. W. C. Boggs.

# BIG CAMP MEETING

Immense Crowds at Wharton Grove Services.

## THE STAFFORD RECORDS

Governor Montague Makes an Exchange With Governor Odell, of New York, for Books Taken During the War—Gossip.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

**FREDERICKSBURG, VA., August 3.**—Wharton Grove camp meeting on the lower Rappahannock River closed to-day, after a successful meeting of ten days. The crowd yesterday was unprecedented, many excursions from different points swelling the throng up into the thousands. Many distinguished people were present from different parts of the State. An excursion party went from here on the steamer Tourist Saturday night, carrying a number of people, and the party was augmented at different wharves along the upper Rappahannock.

The steamer returned this morning and left later on the regular Monday trip to Urbana.

During the Civil War a book containing court records of Stafford county for the years 1864, 1865, 1866 and 1867 was stolen from the clerk's office of the county seat, and was recently discovered in the library of the State of New York. State Senator G. M. Wallace, of Stafford, heard of it and attempted to have the book returned, but was informed that no books could be taken out of the library except by exchange. He then asked Governor Montague to write a letter to Governor Odell, of New York, and an exchange was made. The book has been returned to the clerk's office of Stafford county. The records in this old book are in a splendid state of preservation and the binding, which is comparatively new, was done at the expense of New York since the book was placed in the library there.

## A CLOSE CALL.

Mr. Tom Humphreys, of Falmouth, narrowly escaped death while putting in a pump at the battlefields quarry, just above the city. Mr. Humphreys was standing on a plank just above the water level when the pump was being lowered by pulleys, when the pulleys broke and the heavy weight fell, just missing Mr. Humphreys, who dodged, and striking the head, he was precipitated into eight feet of water, along with the pump. He was promptly rescued, and was not seriously injured.

The Melville Gold Mine tract of land, containing 1,100 acres, in the gold belt of Spotsylvania and Orange counties, which has been successfully worked, will soon be sold at public auction to settle a number of accounts.

The Democrats of Orange county will hold a primary election August 20th for the nomination of candidates for county offices and for the House of Delegates.

## PASSED EXAMINATION.

Mr. W. H. Merchant, of this city, has successfully passed the United States postal service, having been first in his class, most of the members of which failed.

Mr. H. C. Eddins, a well known Republican of Orange county, has resigned his position in the United States Internal Revenue Service.

The Democrats of Northumberland county will hold a district meeting to elect delegates to a county nominating convention to be held at the September 1st, at the residence of Mr. J. H. Adams, of the county seat.

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## Will Hold Primary.

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**TWYMAN'S MILL, VA., August 3.**—Notice has been given that on Saturday, August 8th, a primary election will be held at the various precincts in the counties of Madison and Greene, for the nomination of delegates to represent these counties in the next General Assembly of Virginia.

The candidates for nomination are Judge F. M. McMullen, of Madison, and N. B. Early, Jr., of Stanardsville.

For registers, C. M. Morris, J. B. Graves and G. N. Tatum, of Locust Dale District, sat here Saturday for the purpose of registering all voters in the district.

They were at Rochelle and Oak Park Thursday and Friday.

Very few were registered at either place.

## "Presents often endear Absents"

—Charles Lamb

The celebrated "Dissertation on Roast Pig" contains no truer apophthegm. Nowadays, however, the difficulty of choosing a present is lessened by the fact that, granted it is of silver, it is sure to be acceptable.

## GORHAM

silver is acknowledged to be the best, therefore the best and most acceptable present is one of Gorham silver. All responsible jewelers keep it and the task of selection is thereby rendered still easier. As a measure of precaution, however, look for the Gorham trade-mark.

THE METEOR.

Finch's denial of his testimony before the court may be the result either of a guilty conscience or a plot between the two men to save their necks. Finch, who is the younger, bore a bad reputation in his county. When arrested, he was with him, and that Bacon attempted the assault while he watched.

It was thought at the time that Finch was attempting to put the two men away from the scene. At the trial Bacon was convicted of assault mainly on the evidence of Finch. The latter was convicted as an accessory.

Mr. W. W. Bristol, a well-known merchant and member of the Common Council from the Sixth Ward, was taken suddenly ill at his residence on Halifax Street yesterday morning. Mr. Bristol was having his shoes repaired when he suddenly lost consciousness and fell, painfully cutting his lip. A physician immediately attended him. He grew

better, but later in the day suffered another attack, and his condition became alarming. There is some improvement in his condition to-day, but he is still critically ill.

PERSONAL.

Miss Helen Leavenworth is a guest at "The Brunswick Inn," Waynesboro, Va. "Mrs. R. J. J. Spradley and daughter, Louise, are at "The Palms" cottage, Virginia Beach.

Mrs. Charles T. Lassiter and children are at "The Mecklenburg," Chase City.

Mrs. W. E. Badger is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. Hampden Slater, at Virginia Beach.

Miss Fannie W. Dunn has resigned her position as teacher in the public schools in this city and accepted a position in the State Female Normal College, at Farmville, Va. Miss Dunn is one of the most accomplished and highly educated young women in Petersburg. She is the daughter of Captain Thomas R. Dunn, City Engineer.

Mr. J. W. Bradbury has been re-elected president of the School Board of Petersburg. From the report of the superintendent, presented at the meeting Saturday evening, it appears that the school population of the city which voted in the primary election, 2,715. Total enrollment—white, 1,527; colored, 1,182; total, 2,709. Average daily attendance—white, 1,210; colored, 1,161; total, 2,371. Percentage of school population in attendance—white, 33.5; colored, 25.9; total, 31.1.

## MANY MARRIAGES.

Twenty-two marriage licenses were issued in Petersburg last month, 50 decrees recorded, and 167 arrests made.

JOHN B. WOODFIN, who defended E. S. Woods in Sussex county Thursday, who is charged with the murder of A. J. Tudor, formerly lived in this city, where he is well known. The offense was committed two months ago, on a ball of \$1,000. He claims that he acted in self-defense.

## ONLY WHITE DEMOCRATS CAN VOTE IN PRIMARY

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

**WILLIAMSBURG, VA., August 3.**—A meeting of the county chairman of this district was held here to-day for the purpose of adopting a plan of voting in the primary to be held August 27th. All of the chairmen were present except E. T. Martin, of James City, who was absent on account of illness. It was decided that all voting be by the viva voce system instead of by ballot and no one shall be allowed to vote in the primary except registered white voters.

E. C. Madison, of Warwick, and A. J. Burt, of Williamsburg, were the only candidates who have filed their applications.

J. B. C. Spencer is at the Hot Springs, where she will spend the month of August.

Mr. T. Wolfe and children are in Staunton, visiting her parents.

## Killed by Fall From Window.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

**LIVESTOCK, VA., August 3.**—Mack Fletcher, who lived with Mr. O. A. Edwards, about two miles from Round Hill, this county, fell Sunday morning from a second story window of the latter's house and sustained internal injuries from which he died in a short time. He was discovered by members of the family about five o'clock in the morning. The cause of his fall is unknown. Mr. Fletcher was fifty years of age. He is survived by two brothers, Messrs. William and Joseph Fletcher of that neighborhood.

## Injunction Inoperative.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

# PRIMARY ELECTIONS

Registration in York Holds Out Better than Expected

## SIX HUNDRED VOTES CAST

Full Set of Officers Nominated—The Primary in Buckingham—County Goes for Camm Patton for Senate—in Charlotte.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

**YORKTOWN, VA., August 3.**—Returns from the York county Democratic primary election, held on Saturday, were only available at a late hour yesterday. The campaign was a hot one, as it involved the election of a new set of county officials with the exception of clerk of courts, whose term holds over.

This is the first primary under the new Constitution, and the registration holds out better than was contemplated, about six hundred votes being cast.

The result stands as follows: For Commonwealth's Attorney, Conway H. Shield, for Sheriff, Thomas Phillips, Treasurer, George L. Smith; Commissioner of Revenue, William P. White; Messrs. D. R. Norment, R. W. Shield, John P. Smith, R. J. Forrest, were nominated for supervisors.

## PETTIT CARRIES APPOMATTOX

Much Opposition Develops in the Primary Plan.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

**SPANISH OAKS, VA., Aug. 3.**—A primary election was held in this county on Saturday, the 1st instant, for the nomination of a candidate for the State Senate and House of Delegates, and for county and district officers. Considerable interest was manifested in the election, and about three-fourths of the vote was polled. I have not the official returns, but the indications are that Mr. Pettit has carried the county by a large majority.

Mr. A. B. Thornhill was nominated over Mr. A. H. Clements by 112 majority; Mr. R. F. Burkett beat Mr. S. P. Coleman for treasurer by 126 votes; Mr. P. W. Moyses by 100 majority. For commissioner of the revenue Mr. H. C. Babcock has a majority over John W. Overton of eleven votes, with one precinct to hear from. This may give Overton a small majority. Messrs. T. J. Stratton and J. C. Shearer were nominated for supervisor and road commissioner, respectively, for Stonewall District without opposition.

Considerable opposition developed during the day to the State primary plan under which the election was held. Many persons were opposed to the plan, and a determined effort will surely be made against the plan for the conduct of future elections in this county.

## Pettit Carries Appomattox.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

**WEST APPOMATTOX, VA., August 3.**—The primary held in this county Saturday, the 1st instant, was the most exciting for years, but no disturbances. The result is as follows:

Pettit carried Appomattox over Patton, his opponent, by about 100 majority.

Thornhill, for House of Delegates, over Clements, 100 majority.

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